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NOV 10 2008Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Previously presented) A connector housing comprising at least one contact-holder module, a frame for receiving this module and a stirrup, wherein the stirrup is configured to couple with a complementary connector, wherein the stirrup is configured to be maneuvered between a decoupling position and a coupling position for the housing and the complementary connector, characterized in that the stirrup has means for holding the module in a locking position for locking the module in the frame.
2. (Previously presented) The connector housing according to claim 1, further characterized in that the means for holding the module are arranged so that they are active when the stirrup is in the coupling position for coupling the housing and the complementary connector, and inactive when the stirrup is in the decoupling position.
3. (Previously presented) The connector housing according to claim 1, further characterized in that the module and the frame have first complementary latching means for holding the module in the locking position in the frame.
4. (Previously presented) A connector housing comprising at least one contact-holder module, a frame for receiving this module and a stirrup, wherein the stirrup is configured to couple with a complementary connector, wherein the stirrup is

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configured to be maneuvered between a decoupling position and a coupling position for the housing and the complementary connector, characterized in that the stirrup has means for holding the module in a locking position for locking the module in the frame, further characterized in that the module and the frame have second complementary latching means for holding the module in a set-back position for pre-mounting of the module in the frame.

5. (Previously presented) A connector housing comprising at least one contact-holder module, a frame for receiving this module and a stirrup, wherein the stirrup is configured to couple with a complementary connector, wherein the stirrup is configured to be maneuvered between a decoupling position and a coupling position for the housing and the complementary connector, characterized in that the stirrup has means for holding the module in a locking position for locking the module in the frame, wherein the connector housing further comprises first means for latching the module in the frame comprising a spring digit borne by the frame and a first stop element borne by the module.

6. (Previously presented) The connector housing according to claim 5, further characterized in that the spring digit cooperates with a second stop element borne by the module to create a second latching means.

7. (Previously presented) The connector housing according to claim 1, further characterized in that the stirrup is a stirrup sliding in the frame crosswise to the direction for coupling the housing and the complementary connector, wherein the means for holding the module comprising a cross rail that

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rests on a shoulder of a rib of the module to lock the module in the frame.

8. (Previously presented) A connector housing comprising at least one contact-holder module, a frame for receiving this module and a stirrup, wherein the stirrup is configured to couple with a complementary connector, wherein the stirrup is configured to be maneuvered between a decoupling position and a coupling position for the housing and the complementary connector, characterized in that the stirrup has means for holding the module in a locking position for locking the module in the frame, further characterized in that the module and the stirrup comprise complementary means for preventing a maneuvering of the stirrup when the module is not in the locking position.

9. (Previously presented) The connector housing according to claim 7, further characterized in that the complementary means for preventing a maneuvering of the stirrup are made up of said rib and a frontal edge of said rail.

10. (Previously presented) The connector housing according to claim 1, further characterized in that the holding means is configured to block movement of the module in a direction parallel to a connection axis of the connector housing with the complementary connector.

11. (Currently amended) An electrical connector housing comprising:

a frame;

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at least one contact-holder module configured to be inserted into the frame; and

a stirrup movably connected to the frame, wherein the stirrup is configured to couple a complementary connector to the frame, wherein the stirrup is configured to be moved between a decoupling position and a coupling position for the frame and the complementary connector, wherein the stirrup has a holder for holding the module in a locking position for locking the module in the frame, and wherein the module and the stirrup comprise a system for preventing the stirrup from moving on the frame when the module is not in the a locking position with the frame.

12. (Currently amended) The electrical connector housing according to claim 11 19, further characterized in that the holder ~~for holding the module~~ is arranged so that it is active when the stirrup is in the coupling position for coupling the housing and the complementary connector, and inactive when the stirrup is in the decoupling position.

13. (Previously presented) The electrical connector housing according to claim 11, further characterized in that the module and the frame have a first complementary latching system for holding the module in the locking position in the frame.

14. (Previously presented) The electrical connector housing according to claim 13, further characterized in that the module and the frame have a second complementary latching

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system for holding the module in a set-back position for pre-mounting of the module in the frame.

15. (Previously presented) The electrical connector housing according to claim 13, wherein the first complementary latching system comprises a spring digit borne by the frame and a first stop element borne by the module.

16. (Previously presented) The electrical connector housing according to claim 15, further characterized in that the spring digit cooperates with a second stop element borne by the module to create a second complementary latching system for holding the module in a set-back position for pre-mounting of the module in the frame.

17. (Currently amended) The electrical connector housing according to claim ~~11~~ 19, further characterized in that the stirrup is a stirrup sliding in the frame crosswise to the direction for coupling the housing and the complementary connector, wherein the holder ~~for holding the module~~ comprises a cross rail that rests on a shoulder of a rib of the module to lock the module in the frame.

18. (Previously presented) The electrical connector housing according to claim 17, further characterized in that the system for preventing the stirrup from moving on the frame comprises the rib and the cross rail.

19. (New) The electrical connector housing according to claim 11, wherein the stirrup has a holder configured to hold the module in the locking position.

20. (New) A connector housing comprising:

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at least one contact-holder module;

a frame configured to receive the at least one contact-holder module; and

a stirrup configured to couple with a complementary connector, wherein the stirrup is configured to be maneuvered between a decoupling position and a coupling position for the housing and the complementary connector, wherein the at least one contact-holder module and the stirrup comprise complementary means for preventing a maneuvering of the stirrup when the at least one contact-holder module is not in a locking position with the frame.